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Couple Sentenced For Employing Illegal Immigrants

The Olivas' knowingly accepted fraudulent immigration documents

MIDLAND, TX. – Efrain and Linda Olivas were sentenced today at a U.S. District Federal Court for knowingly accepting fraudulent documents in order to hire previously deported illegal immigrants. They were each sentenced to eight months of confinement at a Federal prison and a \$2,000 fine.

An investigation conducted earlier this year by the U.S. Border Patrol Marfa Sector with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Attorney's Office revealed that two criminal illegal immigrants were working at the Olivas' business--G & O Fence Company, 11406 West 57th, Odessa, Texas. These individuals had been previously deported for felony convictions including narcotic trafficking and stolen vehicles.

"We prioritized this case due to the aggravating circumstances," said Leonard Hall, Patrol Agent In Charge for the Midland Station.

The business provided residential and commercial fencing projects that required its employees to be in direct contact with the community.

"This is a good example of Border Patrol working in coordination with other Federal Law Enforcement Agencies," said Chief Patrol Agent Simon Garza, Jr. "Our purpose is to improve the quality of life for all Americans. We will continue to target criminal aliens and violators of immigration laws."

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